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Subject: Heads Up on CASAC Story that E&E News will run today

Heads up regarding a CASAC story E&E News (presumably Greenwire) is planning on running today...

-Aaron

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Subject: Re: CASAC

Thanks, Sean. I was unaware of these details of the nomination process. I have no information about why Mr. Byers, or any other particular person or group, nominated me. (Although I do not know, I hope that it was because of my long-standing commitment to applying objective, transparent, data-driven science and analytics to address important risk analysis questions, along with my insistence on following wherever the data lead.)

I did not agree with anyone outside EPA to do anything for anyone as a condition of my nomination. I have made no commitments to anyone about CASAC, other than to the Administrator and EPA to do my best to assure that we give objective, dispassionate, high-quality scientific advice without regard for politics, policy, or other considerations that go beyond science.

To those who might question my objectivity, I would note first that the US EPA has an ethics program that I support and follow. Second, I have disclosed all potential conflicts of interest of which I am aware, including previous work for the EPA, USDA, WHO, industry, and universities. I am not beholden to any previous or current clients or organizations, as my only commitments as a consultant have been to discover and describe the truth as well as I can on matters involving various types of risks. My views on how best to pursue objective scientific truth about risks using data and analytics are extensively documented and published in the open literature.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

-- Tony

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From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>

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Sent: Wed, Oct 17, 2018 6:05 pm

Subject: CASAC

Hi Tony:

I just wanted to let you know that we'll be running a story tomorrow based on newly obtained records that show you were nominated to CASAC last year by Dan Byers of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Given that the Chamber has regularly opposed significant changes to air quality regs, such as the 2012 PM NAAQS, the 2015 Brick MACT, and the 2015 ozone NAAQS, what is your understanding of why Mr. Byers nominated you? Is it related to past work that you have done for the Chamber on issues such as OSHA's silica dust regs? Did you agree to do anything as a condition of the nomination? I will be sure to note your past comments that no decision has been made on potential revisions to the PM NAAQS, but how would you respond to those in the public health and environmental community who might question your objectivity as CASAC Chairman in conducting that review in light of your nomination by the Chamber?

My deadline 11:30 a.m. (ET) tomorrow.

Thanks very much,
Sean

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